

92^D CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 1600

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 22, 1971

Mr. RYAN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

A BILL

To amend the Central Intelligence Agency Act of 1949 to prohibit the Agency from contributing funds to domestic organizations.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 That section 5 of the Central Intelligence Agency Act of
4 1949 (50 U.S.C. 403f) is amended by adding at the end
5 thereof the following new subsection:

6 “(f) The Agency shall not grant, lend, contribute, or
7 otherwise pay, directly or indirectly, any of the funds appro-
8 priated or otherwise available to it, to any foundation or
9 philanthropic organization, labor organization, publishing
10 organization, (including the following: publishing, printing, and
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1 newspapers), radio or television broadcasting organization,
2 or educational institution (including organizations composed
3 of students or faculty members) incorporated or otherwise
4 organized under the laws of any State, the District of Co-
5 lumbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, or any territory
6 or possession of the United States, or under the laws of the
7 United States."

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OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

26 MAY 1971

The Honorable F. Edward Hebert
Chairman, Committee on Armed Services
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

My dear Mr. Chairman:

This is in response to your request of February 8, 1971 for a report on H. R. 1600, a bill "To amend the Central Intelligence Agency Act of 1949 to prohibit the Agency from contributing funds to domestic organizations."

As stated, the bill would preclude the Agency from subscribing to or otherwise purchasing publications, such as newspapers, magazines, trade journals, periodicals, etc., from private domestic organizations. The timely acquisition and review of this material is most important to the Agency in carrying out its responsibilities. We are opposed to the bill in its present form.

The Office of Management and Budget advises there is no objection to the submission of this report and that enactment of H. R. 1600 would not be consistent with the Administration's objectives.

Respectfully,

SIGNED

Richard Helms
Director